THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Sixty-four villages distributed in the taluks of Udipi, Kasaragod, Puttur and Mangalore have been selected by the Director of Agriculture for carrying on propaganda for the promotion of the Japanese methods of rice cultivation as modified to suit the local conditions. Technical leaflets on this new method have been printed in English and Kannada and are being distributed extensively to the paddy cultivators through the Agricultural field staff.

" The Government have instructed the Director of Agriculture to make all possible arrangements for the supply of fertilisers which are to be used intensively under the new method. He has also been instructed to make arrangements for the granting of loans necessary for the purchase of fertilisers for which purpose a sum of Rs. 1,00,000 has been allocated to the South Kanara district."

Superintendent of the Government Hospital for Women and Children, Egmore.

* 882 *Q.*—SRI C. RAJAM RAMASAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Superintendent of the Government Hospital for Women and Children, Egmore, is an up-graded Professor, and if so, the reason for allowing him to be the Superintendent of the Hospital and also to permit him to have private consultation practices in the hospital itself; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to appoint a Deputy Superintendent in the above hospital and make him responsible for the administrative work, under the Superintendent?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department of the Government Hospital for Women and Children, Madras, has been upgraded and a post of Director was sanctioned for the Department. The Committee constituted by the Government of India for the selection of the Director recommended Dr. R. K. K. Thampan, B.A., M.B., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), F.R.C.O.G., Professor of Midwifery, Madras Medical College, for the above post. The Committee further recommended that the Director should also be the Superintendent of the Hospital. Dr. Thampan has accordingly been appointed as Director of the Upgraded Department and Superintendent of the Hospital. Being a Clinical Professor, Dr. Thampan is entitled to consulting practice under the rules. But it was considered that Professors in the Upgraded Departments should be allowed restricted practice in the ' Pay Clinics ' only. Dr. Thampan has therefore been allowed restricted practice at the ' Pay Clinic ' in the hospital, subject to certain conditions prescribed by the Government.

" (*b*) The Professor of Clinical Obstetrics in the Hospital has already been designated as Deputy Superintendent of the

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Hospital with a definite delegation of certain administrative duties, in order to relieve the Superintendent of a portion of his routine work."

Industrial dispute between the workers and managements of talkie houses in Salem town.

* 883 Q.—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state when the award of the Industrial Tribunal, Coimbatore, in connexion with the industrial disputes between the workers and the managements of talkie houses in Salem town, was published; whether the said award is now implemented; and, if so, from what date?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"The award of the Industrial Tribunal, Coimbatore, in the disputes relating to the Cinema talkies in Salem was published on 17th July 1951 and it was not implemented by the employers. The workers applied to the Government for the recovery of the amounts due to them from the employers under the award and the Collector of Salem was instructed to recover the amounts as arrears of land revenue and disburse the amounts to the workers concerned. Recovery has been made in certain cases and has to be completed in those remaining."

Basic wages to the workers in the Public Works Department workshops in the State.

* 884 Q.—SRI T. POTHA RAJU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether there exists any difference in the basic wages to the workers working at Madras, Vijayavada and Dowlaishwaram workshops, and the reasons for such differences;

(b) what are the scales that are in force and since which year the said scales are in force;

(c) whether the Government have received any representations from the trade unions of the said workers requesting the Government to implement the Madras workshop scales throughout the Province; and

(d) if so, what the Government propose to do?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—"(a) Yes. The difference is due to the fact that the wages have been fixed taking into account various factors such as cost of living, availability of labour, local market rates, etc., which vary from place to place.

"(b) The categories of personnel and the pay scales thereof and the dates of introduction are far too many to be furnished conveniently.

"(c) Yes.

"(d) In view of the position explained in the answer to clause (a), the Government were unable to accede to the request."